

**REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
June 2, 2008 – 3:30 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Chairperson Myrna Warrington called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Warrington, Eugene Caldwell (3:50), Dave Corn, Greg Smith, Rick Warrington and Gerald Dick Jr. MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Jo Wozniak (excused) and Dave Grignon. ALSO PRESENT: John Wilhelmi, Todd Every, Pam Grignon, Sharon Tourtillott, Doug Duquain and Melissa Cook.

2. Moment of Silence- A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated April 8, 2008 –

Chairperson Warrington has a concern with a non-tribal member submitting a variance request.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to approve the minutes dated April 8, 2008 with the noted corrections. Second was made by Greg Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Caldwell, Grignon and Wozniak).

4. Discussion/Action of Bylaws –

Chairperson Warrington requested that the Bylaws be in the same format as the Governmental affairs format and brought back to next months meeting.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table Bylaws. Second was made by Greg Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Caldwell, Grignon and Wozniak).

5. Christina Biljan & Travis Grignon variance request –

The committee discussed briefly the situation with request for a variance. Christina Biljan originally requested the variance and was denied due to her not being a Tribal member. Travis Grignon will need to go to Community Development and start the process all over but in his name. The Community Development Department will send a letter to Ms. Biljan and Mr. Grignon advising them of what they will need to do to restart the process in a Tribal member's name.

6. Jeannine (Ladd) McFadden: land request –

The committee went over the documents that were provided in the packets and a few of them wanted to know where exactly the land is located. Todd Every was at the meeting to answer any questions the committee had. The committee requested that Todd get more information on the land and bring it back to the committee.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to have more research and information brought back to the committee for the land request. Second was made by Greg Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Grignon and Wozniak).

7. Patricia Pecore variance request –

Rick Warrington gave a brief report on Patricia's variance request and why it was denied. The trailer was built around 1977 and does not have a HUD sticker on it and Rick could not approve it due to its age. If the home is older than 5 years old then it is the homeowner's responsibility to have all the necessary inspections done to make sure that the trailer is up to code.

Motion made by Eugene Caldwell to table Patricia Pecore variance request until proof of title and certified letter stating that the trailer is up to code. Second was made by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Grignon and Wozniak).

8. Status of College of the Menominee Nation land request –

Chairperson Warrington had a few questions and concerns on this issue. Chairperson Warrington wanted to know what the college exactly needed to go forward with the College's land request. Todd Every had a meeting with Melissa Cook prior to the meeting to advise her of everything that she will need to move forward with the request. Right now the college has to do the soil testing to make sure that the ground is buildable. Todd Every will be getting a checklist together for Melissa and this item will be brought back to the next meeting along with Todd's checklist.

9. Menominee Rez Riders trail ride request –

The committee went over a few issues that they had with the request as to who cleans up and liability issues. Legislator Caldwell stated that the liability issues are covered under St. Anthony's parish. The committee decided that they would like Environmental Services contacted to look at the creek that runs through the trail and Conservation to go through the trail before and after the event.

Motion made by Eugene Caldwell to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve the Menominee Rez Riders trail ride request contingent upon proof of Liability and that they insure clean up after the event for one year and that Conservation and Environmental Services are contacted. Second was made by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Grignon and Wozniak).

10. Public Hearing regarding proposed rezoning of: Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 159, Volume 3, Page 253-254 and Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 164, Volume 3, Page 261-262 from Exclusive Forestry (F-1) to General Business District (C-2).

John Wilhelmi briefly went over the parcels that are being opened for new construction and the process to continue the expansion of the Casino.

Chairperson Warrington opened the floor for public comments –

Pam Grignon had a comment about the trees that are being dropped near her home. Pam had a shed that was smashed by the Loggers and she wanted to know who was responsible for reimbursement and that she was not properly notified. Legislature Caldwell addressed this issue and advised Pam that he would be contacting her to see what he can do to rectify the problem.

Sharon Tourtillott had a concern for the run off from the parking lot during rain and snow seasons and the concern of the lighting issue because the Duquain property was peaceful back there. Legislature Caldwell advised Sharon that there will be a different type of drainage when the new parking lot is built. John Wilhelmi advised the community members that Environmental Services will be involved also for the environmental protection part of the new construction.

Rick Warrington gave a brief summary on how the rain and snow will be handled with the new structure.

Doug Duquain asked about a berm being built to separate the surrounding properties from the new expansion. There have been discussions on a barrier being built to separate the Casino from the surrounding properties and a berm has been suggested.

11. Committee Recommendation regarding rezoning of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 159, Volume 3, Page 253-254 and Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 164, Volume 3, Page 261-262.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the rezoning of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 159, Volume 3, Page 253-254 and Lot 1, Certified Survey Map 164, Volume 3, Page 261-262 from Exclusive Forestry (F-1) to General Business District (C-2). Second was made by Eugene Caldwell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Grignon and Wozniak).

12. South Branch Church proposal –

Rick Warrington provided documents which gave estimates from HGM Architecture in the amount of \$2,600.00 for a structural analysis of South Branch Church. The committee discussed where they would get the money to do it.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature regarding the structural analysis from HGM Architecture to do an analysis of the South Branch church for the fee of \$2,600.00 and request that it be taken from any available funding source or contingency. Second was made by Greg Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absentions, 2-absent (Grignon and Wozniak).

13. Junk Trailer issue –

The committee discussed their thoughts of the junk trailer issue and that the committee is responsible for some of the junk trailers on the reservation also. Rick Warrington said that Merlin Wilber is picking up some trailers fixing them up a little and selling them back to people. There was some discussion on having a security deposit for people putting a new trailer on land on the reservation. The committee would like Todd Every to get a list of all the junk trailers on the reservation and how much it will cost to clean up one and bring back to next months meeting.

14. Recreational Lease Policy –

The committee discussed inheritance of recreational leases and if they want it in or out of the policy. What the committee came up with was that there are many issues within the Recreational Lease Policy that they would like to change and decided that there should be a special meeting just for this issue. Chairperson Warrington requested Legal Services to attend the Special meeting. The committee decided that they would like to have a Special meeting scheduled for June 16, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Tribal Office Boardroom and to request Legal Services to attend.

15. Other Business –

Chairperson Warrington wanted to know what was happening with the Bowl/Pow-wow fairgrounds lighting and the roads. Rick Warrington and Todd Every said that they do have some funding available to fix the walk and road ways. They are already in phase one of the process and the BIA gave permission for Community Development to use the Road dollars to fix up some of the walk and road ways at the Bowl/Pow-wow fairgrounds.

16. Adjournment –

Motion made by Eugene Caldwell/Rick Warrington to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Caldwell, Recorder/Transcriber
Chairman's Office